

# Cactus District Weekly Update



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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!
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Vice Mayor Hugh's Free Swim Day a Resounding Success at Rose Lane Park



Summer isn't quite over yet, but with school about to start back up, Vice Mayor Hugh sponsored a free swim day at Rose Lane Park for three local kids groups

affiliated with Glendale community centers. Over 500 eager and appreciative kids swam for free today at Rose Lane Pool, a yearly tradition that get's kids a chance to cool off one more time before they return to the classroom.

"I used to swim everyday as a kid and couldn't wait to run over to any pool in the



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### Cactus District Amenities



neighborhood to get out of the heat. Swimming is one of the most fun activities a kid can do over their summer break and I am happy that I was able to sponsor a swim day for kids in the community to beat the heat and cool off with their friends." - Vice Mayor Ian Hugh, Cactus District

#### Plans Underway for Fourth Annual Stand Up for Veterans Sept. 24, 2016, at Glendale Community College

Glendale's fourth annual "Stand Up for Veterans" will be held at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., on Sat., Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nearly 1,000 veterans have attended the community outreach event in its three-year history to utilize the many resources available.



A local committee representing city, state and federal agencies, local businesses and non-profit partners has begun planning Glendale's Stand Up for Veterans which will provide opportunities for veterans to gain employment on the spot and access to a wide array of services. Organizers are now accepting business, non-profit and government agency vendor applications.

As many as 50 employers who are presently hiring will have representatives and interviewers at the event and many will hire veterans that very day. Advisors will also offer professional resume-building suggestions and other job search assistance.

"The whole purpose is to provide our veterans with a hand up, not a handout," said Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers, who initiated the Glendale Stand Up event three years ago. "They can potentially walk into the event without a job and bogged down with legal issues, and they can walk out of the event gainfully employed with essentially a clean slate. That truly can change someone's life for the better."

Veterans will learn what higher educational opportunities are available through Glendale Community College, which offers a Veteran Services Center ranked eighth nationwide for Vet-friendly two-year colleges.

"Glendale Community College, one of the top nationally ranked veteran-friendly schools, is proud to be part of such an important event to support our veterans," said Dr. Teresa Leyba Ruiz, Interim GCC President. "It's not just about veterans, it's about their families too-all of those who have made sacrifices-and GCC is happy to be part of it."

One critical service on hand that day is access to court and legal services. Glendale City Court Presiding Judge Elizabeth Finn will be representing dozens of Arizona municipal courts where veterans with criminal cases may be able to satisfy outstanding court fines and fees by performing a community service work project. Veterans with active arrest warrants on criminal misdemeanors will have those warrants exonerated.

Judges from many additional Justice Courts in Maricopa County will also be present to offer similar opportunities to reduce or eliminate court fines through community service. Glendale's Community Services Department will provide transportation from Glendale Community College to historic Sahuaro Ranch Park, where the community beautification work service project will be offered.

Additional free legal services will include consultation with members of the State Bar of Arizona on all civil matters and with attorneys from the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office on felony matters. The City of Glendale Prosecutors Office will also be on hand. The Arizona Motor Vehicle Division will be present to advise veterans of requirements for reinstatement of their driving privileges and other MVD business.

"One of my most rewarding experiences is having someone come to the event with a suspended license which prevents them securing appropriate employment," said The Honorable Elizabeth Finn, Presiding Judge of Glendale City Court. "They complete community restitution benefiting the City of Glendale and leave with a valid license. This allows them to better provide for themselves and their families. We take pride in being able to provide all these services at Stand Up for Veterans," Judge Finn said.

Sandy Coor Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1433 in Glendale serves as the non-profit administrator of the event, working in partnership with the committee.



Cactus District
Amenities



Elsie McCarthy
Sensory Garden
7637 N. 55th Ave.
Located south of Northern
Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy
Sensory Garden was
developed to stimulate
the senses of sight,
sound, smell and touch.
Through the use of
specific plants and trees
for texture and scent,
water features for sound,
touch and sight and
evening lighting for
dramatic visuals, this
garden is one of
Glendale's proudest
locations.

Watch a video on the park <u>here</u>.

# Rose Lane Park 51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue



Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is 19 acres and features an

"The event is consistent with the VFW national mantra, 'No One Does More for Veterans," said Ed Besta, immediate past Commander of Post 1433 and chairman of Glendale's Stand Up for Veterans. "Our post has been an active supporter of veterans in the Glendale community since it was first chartered more than 90 years ago," Besta said.

Veterans can apply for health-care and other benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and social service agencies and non-profits will assist with family and personal matters. Although offering social assistance, Mayor Weiers emphasizes that this event differs from "Stand Down" events which provide needed supplies and services specifically to homeless veterans through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"These are people who have served our country, and they deserve an opportunity to be given a second chance with the tools to succeed, so our goal is to reach them before they hit rock bottom," said Mayor Weiers. "If they attend our Stand Up event, hopefully they'll never need the services of a Stand Down event."

The Military & Veteran Affairs Committee of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce is actively promoting the event. Local businesses have committed in-kind and cash support for Glendale's Stand Up For Veterans. Republic Services provides complimentary lunch to all veterans in attendance. Additional business supporters have included Rolfs Salon and Credit Union West.

For more information or to become a vendor go to www.GlendaleStandUp.org.

#### E. Lowell Rogers Recognition and Glendale Summer Band's 50th **Anniversary Celebration**



E. Lowell Rogers and Glendale **Summer Band 50th Anniversary** Celebration

Enjoy a brief recap of the Glendale Summer Band's celebration of it's 50th Anniversary (the longest running City band in Arizona) and recognition of it's founder, E. Lowell Rogers.

Watch Here!



E. Lowell Rogers' Legacy

Take a trip down memory lane as Vice Mayor lan Hugh discusses the legacy of E. Lowell Rogers with a panel of important Glendale musical figures, Curtis Rogers (Lowell's Son), Jay "Juan Oskar" Maynes, and Gordon Williford. Watch Here!



Rose Lane Recreation

5003 W. Marlette Ave. 623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours: Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

The Rose Lane Recreation Center features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. More Information.

#### **GLENDALE OFFERS "HEAT RELIEF" STATIONS THIS SUMMER**



Stay Cool This Summer When the Temperature Get's Hotter

Glendale is partnering with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Heat Relief Network, along with several other municipalities, businesses, service providers and caring residents mobilizing to provide hydration and heat refuge for people in need over the hot summer

Rose Lane Aquatics 5003 W. Marlette Ave. \*

**Rose Lane Park** includes:

Lighted ball field Lighted basketball court Two lighted volleyball courts

aquatics center, open in

the summer, and the

Center.

Rose Lane Recreation

The community center features after-school

activities for children.

Four lighted racquetball courts

Playground Picnic tables

Grills

Restrooms

Reservable ramadas Aquatic center Recreation center



months.

Eight locations throughout Glendale have been designated as places where those distressed by the heat can find water, shade and help this summer. Glendale Hydration and Refuge Stations:

- \* Glendale Main Library 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday/Wednesday 1-8 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 12-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m.
- \* Foothills Branch Library 19055 N. 57th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday 1-8 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 1-5 p.m., Saturday 12-5 p.m.
- \* Velma Teague Branch Library 7010 N. 58th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday/Thursday 1-8 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 1 a.m.-3 p.m.
- \* Community Action Program Office 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Ste. B51, Glendale, AZ 85301 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- \* Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center 5600 W. Union Hills Dr., Glendale, AZ 85308 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Holiday Hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day)
- \* Glendale Adult Center 5970 W. Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- \* Glendale Parks Field Operations Office 6210 W. Myrtle Ave., # 111, Building B, Glendale, AZ 85301 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- \* Glendale Community Housing Office (Hydration Only Station) 6842 N. 61st Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301 Hours (excepting holidays): Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Donations of bottled water needed! Glendale Fire Department is teaming up again this

year with Visit Glendale to collect bottled water donations for distribution through Heat Relief Stations to the most vulnerable populations in the region to stay hydrated and healthy.

Donated water will be accepted 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, at the Glendale Visitor Center, Suite 140, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., and at all Glendale Fire Department stations.

MAG's Heat Relief Network program offers water bottle collection sites, hydration stations and refuge locations throughout Maricopa County. For more information on this program, visit http://www.azmag.gov/heatrelief.

#### Important tips to avoid heat-related illness

- Increase fluid intake, regardless of activity level. Staying hydrated is extremely important.
- Limit exercise or outdoor activity between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3p.m.
- When outdoors, wear a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 15 and reapply often.

(east of 51st Ave., north of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is only open to the public during the summer.

Activities include full facility aquatic rentals, seasonal private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and summer public recreation swimming. This facility includes a large, zero depth entry leisure pool with spray features, a splash pad, a giant slide, a kiddie slide, and a big pool with a diving well and a diving board. Rose Lane has outdoor "day use" lockers. Please bring your own lock or you may purchase one at the Rose Lane Cashier's Office. This facility is only staffed when the pools are open for aquatic programming.

View a Slide Show of the Rose Lane Aquatics
Center here!

- Rest frequently in shady or cool areas to give the body's temperature a chance to recover and cool down.
- Never leave infants, children or pets inside a parked vehicle.

- Wear a hat, lightweight clothing and sunglasses.

- Check on elderly neighbors to make sure their air conditioning is working and in use.
- Take advantage of free air-conditioned spaces by visiting shopping malls, libraries, or other heat refuge locations.

Heat Relief and water bottle collection location maps are available at all Glendale libraries and community centers and online at http://www.azmag.gov/heatrelief. For additional information on regional heat relief efforts, please contact Celina Brun, Maricopa Association of Governments, at 602-254-6300 ex. 5130.

## GLENDALE RECEIVES AWARD FOR REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

#### Enhanced Dial-A-Ride Services Now Offered

The city of Glendale, along with 14 other partnering municipalities, the county and Valley Metro, has received the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) 2016 Desert Peaks Award for Regional Partnership in recognition of its role in the recent Regional Paratransit Plan Update.

A key component of the plan update is the new Dial-A-Ride service guidelines which simplify the user experience for paratransit riders who may be unable to use the bus and rail service for some of all of their trips.

Glendale Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff of the Cholla District, who serves as the city's representative and treasurer of the Valley Metro Board of Directors, accepted the award on behalf of the city during a special ceremony on June 22.

The new regional model provides consistency between ADA paratransit service providers and eliminates the need for transfers between multiple service providers on a one-way regional trip. "This significantly reduces trip times and enhances safety and comfort for Dial-A-Ride users," said Tolmachoff.

ADA paratransit is shared-ride, door-to-door transportation provided via vans and taxicabs to people with disabilities who have limited ability to ride or access to fixed-route buses or trains. Until recently, paratransit Dial-A-Ride services operated within the Valley Metro region as five separate systems with varying service hours among the separate providers and required the rider to transfer from one service provider to another when traveling into different jurisdictional boundaries or city limits in the course of a one-way regional trip.

The new regional Paratransit service can be accessed by each of five Dial-A-Ride programs operating in the greater Phoenix area. This includes Glendale Dial-A-Ride, Phoenix Dial-A-Ride, East Valley Dial-A-Ride, Peoria Dial-A-Ride and Northwest Valley Dial-A-Ride. For travel within each of these Dial-A-Ride areas, riders can call the local Dial-A-Ride service provider.

Glendale residents can call the city's Dial-A-Ride Information Line at 623-930-3502 for additional information about the enhanced paratransit services, or visit www.valleymetro.org/accessibility to learn more about accessible fixed-route bus and rail services.

The Desert Peaks Awards were initiated by MAG to recognize individuals and partnerships that have demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through their cooperative efforts.

#### Join the Citizen Police Academy, Today



#### **Citizen Police Academy**

The Glendale Police Department's Citizen Police Academy is a free program designed for citizens of Glendale and members of the business community. This program allows attendees to experience an inside view of the Glendale Police Department and the different roles and responsibilities of both our sworn officers and civilian employees. During the 12-week program, attendees will meet the men and women of this department, see what they do to help make our community safe, and even get some hands-on experience with the tools and equipment they use.

#### Citizen Police Academy

The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the Fall 2016 Citizen

Police Academy. The Fall program is scheduled to begin in August 2016. The deadline for applications is July 15, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Shepherd, Academy Coordinator, at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

#### Course curriculum includes:

Uniformed patrol
Crime Scene Investigation
D.U.I. recognition
Tactical operations
Use of canines
Police driving techniques
Firearms training
Police Detention Facility and Operations
Police Communications
Community Action Teams
Volunteer Opportunities

#### Program requirements:

Participants must be 18 years or older and able to attend a 12-week program, comprised of Wednesday evening classes, one Friday afternoon class and one Saturday morning class.

#### Application process:

<u>Click here</u> to download an application for the Citizen Police Academy (Microsoft Word) <u>Click here</u> to download an application for the Citizen Police Academy (PDF)

As part of the application process all applicants must be fingerprinted. Please bring your completed application along with a photo ID to the Main Public Safety building during fingerprint service hours.

#### Fingerprint service hours vary.

Please call ahead at (623) 930-3099. Main Public Safety Building Glendale Police Department 6835 N. 57th Drive Glendale, AZ 85301

For further information, please contact Marie Shepherd, Volunteer Coordinator, at (623) 930-3282 or by email at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

#### **Boards and Commissions**



The City's Boards and Commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact our community. These citizen advisory groups research, study, and discuss specific issues. You can find the full list of all 17 commissions and apply online at:

www.GlendaleAZ.com/boardsandcommissions or you can call (623) 930-2878 and I will be happy to send you a brochure in the mail.

#### 2016 Events and Activity Listings

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.



Sept 8 - Denny's - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 4303 W. Peoria

October 13 - Submarino's - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 7910 N. 43rd Ave #6

#### **Featured Non-Profit**

"As a loving pet owner, I wanted to make you aware of this particular Non-Profit. Fallen Feathers does great things for the City, specifically for birds. Please visit this website if you would like to learn more about *Fallen Feathers* helps to care for our feathered friends."

- Vice Mayor lan Hugh

#### **Fallen Feathers**

Our primary mission is to feed, house, and rehabilitate birds. Additionally, we provide educational presentations to the public upon request and based on availability.



Medical care is supplemented through Dr. Hillary G. Frank, DVM, DIP. ABVP Avian at North Central Animal Hospital.

We are a Non Profit 501(c)(3) organization, allowing us to accept your tax-free donations. Your charitable gift helps us to get the materials we need to continue to run

our facility, such as aviaries, carriers, food, medical supplies, etc. We welcome supply donations, as well as monthly reoccurring payments on the Donations page. If you're looking for a charity, we've got big dreams and lots of beaks to care for.

Volunteers are also welcome at Fallen Feathers. Fallen Feathers cannot operate without volunteers. We know your time is valuable and we promise that your time with us will be like nowhere else. Please see the <u>Volunteer</u> page for more information.

For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.fallenfeathers.org/">http://www.fallenfeathers.org/</a>

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